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for Seizure of Solvan Vitianu

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1. Upon the deportation of Solvan Vitianu from Switzerland the Rumanian Government permitted the six Swiss citizens arrested in retaliation to receive packages and visitors. Charges against these Swiss citizens have been reexamined and they have been cleared, but they are still in prison as the Ministry of Finance has appealed the cases.
2. The cases against one von Steiger, a Swiss citizen sentenced to five years imprisonment for illegal currency transactions, and another, unidentified Swiss citizen sentenced to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor on charges of espionage, are not considered as reprisals for the arrest of Vitianu. Von Steiger was arrested following an attempt to sell \$7,000 which he had on deposit in the United States. His "customer" was a police official.
3. According to a Swiss diplomat, Eugen Titeanu*, a Rumanian citizen, left Rumania on the passport of one Moser, a Swiss citizen. Titeanu's photograph had been substituted for that of Moser; the Rumanian left the country in the company of Moser's wife. Following the departure of Titeanu, Moser was arrested but shortly thereafter was expelled from Rumania.

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